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Last year, approximately 7 million California residents lacked health insurance coverage. The County of Los Angeles, alone, has over 2 million uninsured adults. The growing numbers of uninsured and increasing costs of medical care are leaving hospitals, both public and private, financially burdened by uncompensated care. Consequently, private hospitals in Los Angeles County have been closing one by one, bottlenecking patients at the few remaining hospitals and overloading the County's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) system.

Now, in an effort to medically insure individuals statewide, Senator Sheila Kuehl has introduced SB 840, the single-payer health care coverage legislation. This bill will provide health insurance coverage to all California residents through a single payer insurance program operated by the State of California. SB 840 will help to meet the health care need for all Los Angeles County residents.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors take a support position on SB 840 and instruct the County's legislative advocates in Sacramento to pursue the County's position on this important bill.

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